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SOME EMBASSY OFFICERS HERE CAUTION AGAINT PUTTING TOO MUCH

WEIGHT ON INTELLECTUAL AND PRESS CRITICISM OF GOI POLICY TOWARD MIDDLE EAST ALONG LINE OF WEINRAUB PIECE IN NYTIMES NOVEMBER 1 REFERRED TO REF A. IT IS TRUE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF SKEPTICISM ABOUT OFFICIAL INDIAN SUPPORT OF ARABS AND EARLY OCTOBER INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION POLL SHOWED ISRAELIS AS HAVING VERY GOOD OR GOOD IMAGE AMONG 25 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED AS OPPOSED TO 15 PERCENT WITH SIMILAR VIEWS OF EGYPT. SIKHSJ#

MILITANT HINDUS (REF B), AND MILITARY
OFFICERS PARTICULARLY TEND TO BE QUITE STRONGLY PRO-ISRAELI
FOR VARIETY OF REASONS INCLUDING ISRAELI COURAGE AND MILITARY
EFFECTIVENESS, IMAGE OF SMALL, EMBATTLED GROUP HOLDING
AGAINST SURROUNDING PRESSURES, AND ANTI-MUSLIM SENTIMENT.
SOURCES QUOTED IN WEINRAUB ARTICLE GENERALLY FALL INTO ONE
OR ANOTHER OF THESE CATEGORIES. NONE ARE ABLE TO BRING
SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON GOI POLICY ON THIS
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